

"It is concluded that maintenance treatment of ulcerative colitis with sulphasalazine (salazopyrin) should be continued indefinitely unless contraindicated by side effects." I

The results of the above controlled trial carried out at the Nuffield Department of Clinical Medicine, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford are all the more welcome as earlier trials of cortisone² and prednisone3 at standard dosages have shown them to be ineffective in reducing the number of recurrences of ulcerative colitis.

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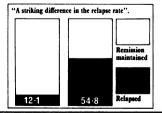
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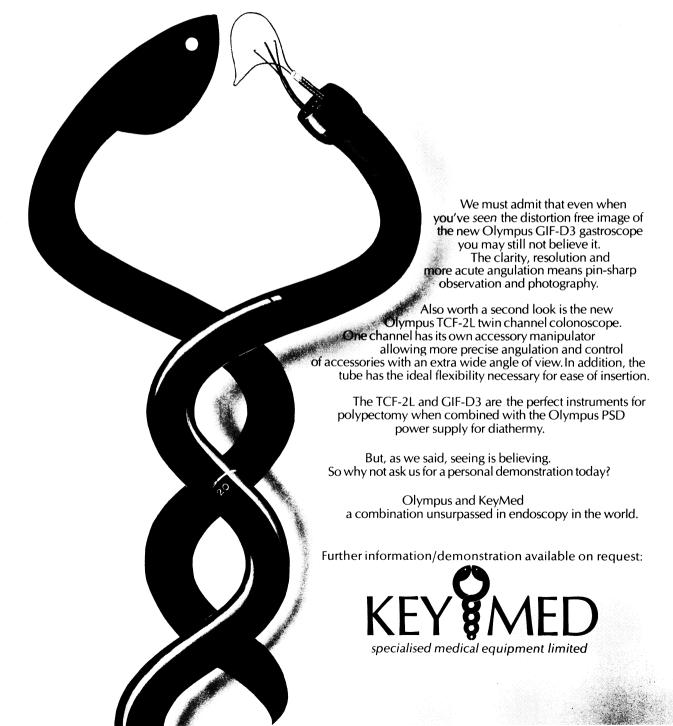
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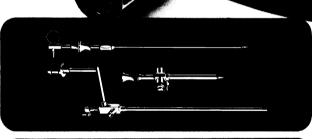
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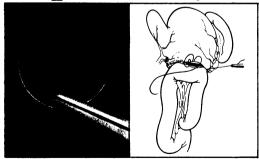
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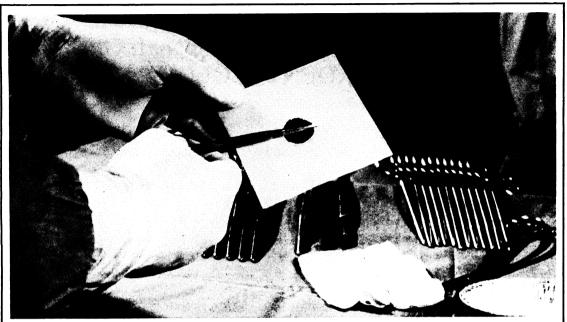
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